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A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
Medical Officer of Health
for
1961
including

Report of the Port Health Inspector
by

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and the Councillors of the
Borough of Maldon.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my eighth annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon, covering the year ended 31st December, 1961.

Throughout the year regular sampling has been carried out of oysters treated in the Cleansing Plants at West Mersea, and in general, reports have been most satisfactory. We are co-operating closely with officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to ensure the satisfactory operation of these plants at all seasons.

Shipping has remained very similar with that of previous years, except that there has been a large export of gravel by sea from pits in the Heybridge area. All boats examined were found to comply with the necessary health regulations.

Your Port Health Inspector has devoted much time to the Port's work and I am indebted to him for his help in preparing this report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. D. BLOTT,

Medical Officer of Health.

MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Comprising the Borough of Maldon, Maldon Rural District, West Mersea Urban District and Lexdon and Winstree Rural District.

The Worship the Mayor of Maldon - Alderman Mrs.W.R.Keeble, J.P.

Aldermen - E.C.Dines, J.P., C.Dowsett, S.Hardy-King, D.T.K.Tonkin.

Councillors - B.J.Beardall, Mrs.E.F.M.Brewster,J.P.,C.C.,Mrs.M.Brown, Mrs.O.L.Cruess, R.F.Daws, R.S.Foreman, W.G.Ginn, W.A.Gower, Rev. W.A.Harling, G.J.Hughes, W.S.Hutchinson, A.Lloyd, R.B.Pitt, A.Richardson and A.E.Woodward.

SECTION I STAFF

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications.	Any other appointment held.
K.C.Robertson	Clerk	1st August 1947	Solicitor and Town Clerk	Town Clerk Borough of Maldon.
Dr.T.D.Blott	Medical Officer of Health	1st March 1954	B.Sc. M.B. B.S. D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Maldon.
R.A.Hallett	Port Health Inspector	25th September 1950	Cert. S.I.J.B. M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector Borough of Maldon.
C.F.Hunt	Treasurer	1st January 1944	Borough Treasurer	Treasurer Borough of Maldon.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	53	13,283	7	19	Nil
Coastwise	284	40,461			Nil

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	{ Number of passengers	INWARDS	Nil
	{ Number of passengers	OUTWARDS	Nil
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CARGO TRAFFIC	{ Principal Imports	Timber, Wheat, Live Eels	
	{ Principal Exports	Wheat, Maize, Gravel.	
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PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply.

(1) a&b For the Port. Water from the local supplies is obtained at the various Creeks for barges. The chief supplies are obtained: At Maldon and Heybridge Basin from the Corporations water mains. At Tollesbury from the public supply. These are all above suspicion.

(2) Analysis of Water Samples.

Frequent samples of the public water supply are submitted for bacteriological analysis. These always give results of the highest quality and the Analyst has always expressed himself entirely satisfied with the purity of the public water supply in the Port Health District.

(3) Hydrants & Hose Pipes.

The stand pipe at Heybridge Basin is efficiently maintained and satisfactory. Vessels are expected to provide their own hosepipes.

(4) For Shipping in the River: From a water boat from Brightlingsea in the Colchester Port District. There is only one water Boat. The sanitary condition of this vessel is satisfactory.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

(i) List of Infected Areas.

The list is maintained at the office of the Port Health Inspector. It is amended as and when the circumstances demand and copies are supplied to H.M. Customs Officers and local pilots.

(2) Radio Messages.

No arrangements or facilities exist for the receipt or transmission of messages by radio.

(3) Notifications Otherwise than by Radio.

Any such notifications from inward vessels would be given to the pilots or Officers of Customs and then passed to this authority.

Upon such information being received inward ships are immediately boarded by an Officer of the Authority.

MOORING STATIONS

(a) There are no docks in which a suitable mooring station could be designated.

(b) An outside mooring station has been designated near the mouth of Bradwall Creek.

(c) In view of the extreme difficulty of rapid communication with vessels moored in the lower part of the estuary, the Customs Officers have been instructed to allow of boarding or leaving the ship, where the declaration of health and all other circumstances are satisfactory.

(5) Arrangements for:

(a) Hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases is available at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Chelmsford.

(b) Local Surveillance is maintained by Officers of the Authority. Information concerning Contacts in other areas is forwarded to the responsible Authority.

(c) There are no special arrangements for the Cleansing or disinfection of ships. Persons, clothing and other articles would be landed and arrangements made for the cleansing as required.

SECTION VII- Smallpox.

- (1) The North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board are responsible for the treatment of persons suffering from Smallpox and provide hospital accommodation, as and when required.
- (2) Ambulance facilities are provided by the Essex County Council, who are responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.
- (3) Dr. T. D. Hershaw, Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Colchester.
- (4) No special arrangements have been made for the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

Facilities exist for the treatment of both out and in-patients at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester. Out-patient treatment is available as follows:-

Mondays;	Males	6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
	Females	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Fridays;	Males	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
	Females	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

It has not been considered necessary to take any special steps to make this information known to seamen.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D.

NIL.

If any such cases or suspected cases are reported the crew are required to remain aboard and no contact with the shore is permitted except by the boarding of the ship by the pilot or the Officers of Customs until the circumstances have been fully investigated and all members of the crew have been medically examined.

SECTION X - Observations on the Occurrence of malaria in ships.

NIL.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No special measures in this connection have been thought necessary in the past.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Deratization or Deratization Exemption certificates of vessels inspected are examined. Foreign-going vessels very rarely lie at quays and no trouble has ever been experienced with regard to rodents.
- (2) No special arrangements have been made for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents and none have been sent for such examinations during the year.
- (3) There are no facilities in the Port for the deratization of ships.
- (4) No special measures of rat-proofing have been found necessary.

Table E

NIL.

Table F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

NIL

SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

Table G.

Inspection and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections.		Notices Served		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory	Other	
Crew accommodation	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
Galley and Food Store	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	52	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish)
Regulations 1934 and 1948.

BLACKWATER OYSTER FISHERIES.

The various Cleansing Plants have continued to work satisfactorily throughout the year with a high standard of bacteriological purity.

Regular sampling and supervision is maintained with the complete co-operation of the oyster producers.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (Not Applicable)

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Dead bodies would be landed at Maldon or Heybridge, and removed to the Mortuary at Chelmsford prior to burial.

